

Microsoft MovieMaker2

Movie Maker 2.0 is Microsoft's "drag-and-drop" movie-editing software.

You can download it **free** of charge from the Microsoft web site at <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/moviemaker/downloads/moviemaker2.asp>.

You can add audio, still pictures and video to your project. You can insert audio or video clips, trim them to delete unwanted segments, and create transitions. MovieMaker saves your video and audio clips in a central storage location called My Collections.

You can save your movie to the computer, create a CD, send it as an e-mail message, publish the Internet, or show it on a mini DV camera.

To open MovieMaker, on the Start menu, point to All Programs, and then click on Windows Movie Maker.

To Import Video

1. In Movie Tasks click **Import video**. The Import File window will open.
2. Navigate to the folder on your computer which holds your video files, and click on it.
3. Select the video clip you want to use and click Import.
4. Repeat this process as many times as necessary to bring in all video clips needed for your project. The process can take a few seconds to a few minutes, as Movie Maker generates clips from it. These clips are created each time you start and stop recording.

To Import Pictures

1. To include still shots in your movie, go to Movie Tasks and click **Import pictures**.
2. Navigate to the folder on your computer that holds pictures you want to use, and click on it.
3. Select the picture files from the folder and click Import to import them into Movie Maker.

To Import Audio or Music

1. In Movie Tasks click Import audio or music.
2. Navigate to the folder on your computer which holds your audio or music files. Click on it and then click on *Audio* to open the sub folder.
3. Select the audio or music files in the folder that you want to use, and click Import to import them into Movie Maker. All of the imported files will be displayed in the collections pane. You may switch to different collections using the collections drop down menu above the collections pane.

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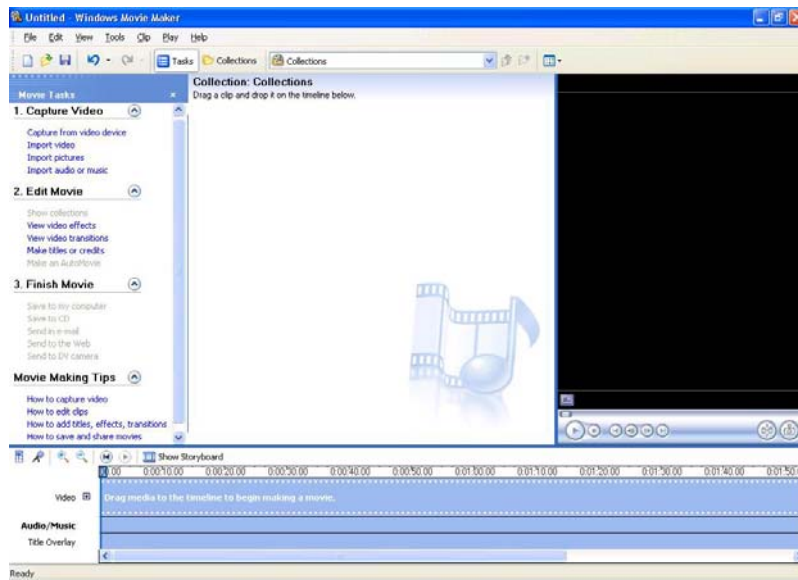
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Once all the media has been collected, the next step is to create the movie.

You can drag PowerPoint slides onto the storyboard. (First, save the ppt as a GIF. When the dialog box pops up, click **Every Slide**.)

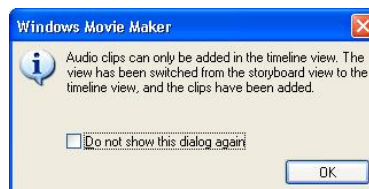
You can also place a video clip in with the still slides.

Select a video clip from the collection and drag it onto the storyboard between two of your slides. Video clips appear as motion picture film strips.



You can add **background audio** to enhance your movie.

In the collection above the storyboard, drag the audio file you want as your background audio onto the storyboard. Make sure the little vertical line, showing the insertion point, appears before slide one, so the audio track will start at the beginning of the movie.



A warning message will display warning you that audio clips can only be added in Timeline View and you have been automatically switched to that view. Just click OK and the audio will be added.

If you want to change the position of an audio clip in your movie, you can simply drag the clip to a different place. Drag and drop editing is available for all components of Movie Maker.


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To Preview

In the playback pane on the right of the screen, click on the **video clip** and then click the **Play** button. Click on the **Pause** button to stop the movie. You can preview by selecting **Play Timeline** from the Play menu. You can also click on the Play button in the video pane to view your presentation.

To Shorten a Video

You can shorten a video that is too long by splitting it and removing the parts you do not want.

Click the **Split button**  to split a long video clip into two sections. After splitting the video you will see two distinct clips.

You can obtain stills from video by using the **Take Picture** button that is on the immediate left of the Split button. Click on the second clip and press the Delete key to remove it. The Undo button will restore the clip.

You can also record directly from a digital camcorder.

To Edit a Movie

Move your cursor to the right end of the audio clip. Your cursor will change to a red horizontal line with arrows on both ends. Click and drag to shorten the music to the end of the last slide. This will make the audio end when the video ends.

To Add Video Effects

Click on **View Video Effects** and drag the desired effect on any clip in the timeline to add that effect. Repeat for each clip.

Click on **View Video Transitions** and drag the desired transition between the clips where you want to apply the transition.

Click on **Make Titles or Credits** to create titles and/or credits for your movie. Click on the desired option and fill out the text for the title. Then you can set the options for color, text font, and animation.

You can also **split a video clip** into two clips to insert something in between them. You can split video content into two clips from your current project, or from the Collections location.

You can **combine clips that are contiguous**, if you have several short clips that you want to view as one clip.

Use the **View menu** to switch from Storyboard to Timeline view.

You can also **zoom in or zoom out** to get a better look at your material.

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Creating Movies with AutoMovie

Assemble the video, audio and still clips in a collection and MovieMaker will make a movie complete with effects, transitions, titles, and credits.

1. Select Make an AutoMovie from the Edit Movie section of the Movie Tasks pane.
2. Select the desired type of movie.
3. Click Enter a title for the movie and type your title in the box provided.
4. Click Select audio or background music and use the browse button to select your underlying music.
5. Click Done to begin the movie creation process.

Sharing Your Movies

Send a movie by e-mail
Post a movie to a Web site
Save a movie to a CD
Save your movie file on your computer
Send movie files by using MSN Messenger

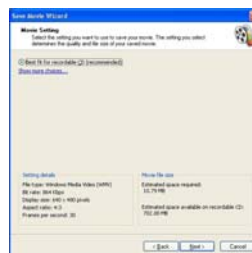
To post a movie to a Web site

1. On the Start menu, click All Programs and then Windows MovieMaker.
2. Open the movie file that you want to post to a Web site.
3. On the File menu, point to Save Movie File, and then click The Web.
4. Type a name for you movie and click Next.
5. Choose the desired connection speed and click Next.
6. Select the video hosting provider or save a copy of the movie on your computer and click Finish.

To save your movie on a CD

Insert a blank writable CD into the CD-ROM drive of your computer.

Click **Save to CD** in the Finish Movie section of the Movie Tasks pane.



Type in the name for you movie and click Next.

You can modify the settings for movie quality (although we recommend using the default settings). Click **Next**.

Click **Finish** when the process is complete.

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